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SUBJECT: OPEC COST DATA REQUEST

REF: A. STATE 238736; B) TREASURY 8150 (NOTAL);

C) VIENNA 432 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY. OPEC ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING VARIOUS U.S. DATA INCLUDING EX-R**INERY AND DEALERS' COSTS OF PET OLEUM PRODUCTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CALL *N MEMBER OF O*EC'S ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT TO BRING HIM COMMERCIAL LIBRARY INFORMATION WHICH THIS OFFICIAL HAD REQUESTED FOR PERSONAL USE, EMBOFF WAS SOON SURROUNDED BY ENTIRE OFFICER STAFF OF ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT HEADED BY DR. MAHJOOB A. HASSANAIN (OTHER MEMBERS: BAHMAN KARBASSIOUN, IRANIAN; MR. OLO-RUNFEMI, NIGERIAN; MOHAMMED AL-RASHID, IRAQI/ABU DAHBIAN; CONFIDENTIAL

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MOHAMED EL ALEM, LIBYAN; AND DICKLY D. SOEMIATINO, INDO-

NESIAN). EMBOFF WAS PRESENTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONSULTANTS LISTS, REPORTED VIENNA 480 TO USDOC, AND WITH FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REQUESTS:

A. THAT U.S. BUREAU OF MINES, FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE AND ANY OTHER USG AGENCIES THAT MAY HAVE DONE STUDIES ON COSTS OF PRODUCING FUELS FROM OIL SHALE, TAR SANDS, ETC., BE INFORMED OF OPEC INTEREST IN RECEIVING COPIES THEREOF.

B. FOR DATA ON U.S. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICE INDEXES, NOW AND IN PAST YEARS FOR FARM PRODUCTS, CHEMICALS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT, ETC. OPEC ECONOMISTS THOUGHT USG WOULD HAVE SUCH DATA ON OVER 100 PRODUCTS. (EMBOFF INVITED THEIR ATTENTION TO DATA IN SURVEY OF CURRENT BUSINESS, TO WHICH OPEC SUBSCRIBES.)

C. DATA ON AVERAGE U.S. EX-REFINERY COSTS (IF POSSIBLE BY GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS) OF GASOLINE, KEROSENE, MIDDLE DISTILLATE AND FUEL OIL, PLUS DEALERS STORING AND HANDLING COSTS AND DEALERS' MARGINS.

3. THE OPEC ECONOMISTS WERE ADVISED THAT THEIR REQUESTS WOULD BE RELAYED TO WASHINGTON BUT THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT UNPUBLISHED COST DATA DESCRIBED PARA 2 (C) ABOVE WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

4. WITH REGARD TO TREASURY'S REQUEST FOR UNPUBLISHED OPEC DATA FOR 1973 (REFTEL B), WHICH WAS RECEIVED SHORTLY BEFORE EMBOFF'S CALL ON OPEC, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT ALTHOUGH OPEC HAS SUCH DATA FOR FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1973, IT IS AVAILABLE ONLY FOR INTERNAL USE. REASON GIVEN WAS THAT QUARTERLY DATA IS NOT ALWAYS COMPLETE FOR ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. EMBOFF REMARKED HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE THE DATA WHETHER OR NOT COMPLETE. THE OPEC ECONOMISTS THEMSELVES SEEMED INCLINED TO MAKE THE 1973 DATA AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, BUT AFTER ONE OF THEM HAD MADE A PHONE CALL (PROBABLY TO OPEC INFORMATION DEPT.), EMBOFF WAS AGAIN TOLD THAT UNPUBLISHED DATA WAS ONLY FOR INTERNAL USE. EMBOFF DID NOT FEEL HE COULD PRESS FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW EMBASSY'S PREVIOUS INABILITY TO PROVIDE DR. HASSANAIN WITH ANY OF THE INFORMATION HE HAD REQUESTED.

5. EARLY WASHINGTON HANDLING OF SUCH OPEC REQUESTS AS CAN BE SATISFIED WOULD BE APPRECIATED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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